



Riverside Land Conservancy



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**VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF A
CONSERVATION BANK FOR THE DELHI SANDS FLOWER-LOVING FLY**

Event to Celebrate Formal Dedication of the Bank Will Take Place on June 27, 2005

Vulcan Materials Company's Western Division announced today, the establishment of a 150-acre conservation bank in Colton, California, to aid recovery of the federally endangered Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomidias terminatus abdominalis*).

A dedication ceremony to mark the official opening of the bank is scheduled to take place June 27, 2005, at Vulcan Materials Company's property in Colton, California.

In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Riverside Land Conservancy, the Vulcan Conservation Bank will protect the largest remaining contiguous block of habitat for Delhi Sands flower-loving fly. The protection of this habitat is the most significant conservation measure taken for this species since it was listed under the Endangered Species Act in 1993.

The 150-acre parcel of land will be conserved in perpetuity through the placement of a conservation easement that will be held by the Riverside Land Conservancy, a non-profit land conservation organization active throughout southern California.

"The establishment of this conservation bank for the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly is a successful balancing of the interests of Vulcan Materials Company, the surrounding communities and the conservation needs of a critically endangered species," said Mike Linton, Vice President of Vulcan's Western Division.

"This cooperative partnership with Vulcan Materials Company, the Riverside Land Conservancy and the Service is an important step forward in securing the future of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly," said Steve Thompson, Manager of the Service's California/Nevada Operations Office.

"The Riverside Land Conservancy is privileged to be involved in this unique partnership with the Service and Vulcan Materials to preserve the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly and the viable sand dune ecosystem which provides its unique habitat," says Jane Block, President, Riverside Land Conservancy.

A conservation bank is a parcel of land containing natural resources that are conserved and managed in perpetuity. Lands enrolled in a conservation bank can be used to offset impacts to species or habitats in areas outside of the bank's boundaries.

Conservation banks provide an opportunity for landowners to derive economic benefits from land that supports important habitat for species. They are beneficial for species' conservation because larger blocks of habitat can be conserved and managed.